

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) today announced that the Town of Deerfield will receive a total of \$699,000 from the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal loan and grant program.

"I am pleased to announce that the Town of Deerfield will be able to repair an aging water distribution system," said Arcuri. "Grant and loan programs like these are crucial to helping our communities achieve economic development and provide reliable and necessary community services. I'm always pleased to see federal dollars come back home to Upstate New York."

The Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal loan and grant program is available to eligible applicants to construct or improve drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, and storm drainage facilities. Applicants must be public bodies, nonprofit organizations, and recognized Indian tribes. In 2006, New York received over \$11 million in grants and \$20 million in loans to improve local water infrastructure. The Town of Deerfield will use these funds for the installation of a water distribution system for 184 residents of the Doyle Road area.

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